



# *Proclamation*

## *Presented*

### **In Recognition of National Public Lands Day**

**WHEREAS**, National Public Lands Day, founded in 1994, is the nation's largest, single-day volunteer event to restore and enhance public lands in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, National Public Lands Day keeps the promise of the Civilian Conservation Corps, the "tree army" that worked from 1933-1942 to preserve and protect America's natural heritage; and

**WHEREAS**, National Public Lands Day:

- Educates Americans about critical environmental and natural resource issues and the need for shared stewardship of these valued, irreplaceable lands;
- Builds partnerships between the public sector and the local community based upon mutual interests in the enhancement and restoration of America's public lands;
- Improves public lands for outdoor recreation, with volunteers assisting land managers in hands-on work; and

**WHEREAS**, National Public Lands Day supports the efforts of First Lady Michelle Obama's *Let's Move Outside* initiative, getting kids active in preserving and protecting public lands, thereby, reducing the effects of childhood obesity, stress and asthma through engaging in an active lifestyle; and

**WHEREAS**, National Public Lands Day is sponsored by Toyota Motor Sales, USA, Inc. and is co-sponsored by the National Environmental Education Foundation, the United States Bureau of Land Management, the United States Bureau of Reclamation, the United States Department of Defense, the Environmental Protection Agency, the United States National Park Service, the United States Army Corps of Engineers, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service and the United States Forest Service; and

**WHEREAS**, National Public Lands Day will be observed on September 24, 2011, and more than 180,000 volunteers are expected to participate at over 2,000 sites throughout the United States;

**THEREFORE I, NEIL ABERCROMBIE, Governor, and I, BRIAN SCHATZ, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim September 24, 2011 as**

## **"NATIONAL PUBLIC LANDS DAY"**

in Hawai'i and urge the people of the Aloha State to support National Public Lands Day and its mission in beautifying our communities.

**DONE** at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this eighteenth day of August, 2011.

  
NEIL ABERCROMBIE  
Governor, State of Hawai'i

  
BRIAN SCHATZ  
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i